

REMARKS

Applicants would first like to thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended to Attorney for Applicants, Dean L. Fanelli, during an October 11, 2006 telephone interview. Claims 22 and 24-32 are pending in this application for the Examiner's review and consideration.

Applicants have amended claims 22 and 28-32 to overcome the rejections set forth in the final office action dated April 7, 2006, and in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions during the October 11, 2006 interview. No new matter has been added by the amendments.

Applicants submitted a certified copy of the priority document, Mexican Application Number 998515, in a Supplemental Amendment dated October 3, 2006. Applicants include a copy of this Amendment for the Examiner's convenience (without the certified copy of the priority document). Applicants request that the Examiner enter the Supplemental Amendment and the priority document as submitted on October 3, 2006, as Applicants do not have an additional certified copy of the priority document.

The Examiner indicated in the October 11, 2006 interview that submission of the certified copy of the priority document, Mexican Application Number 998515, obviates the anticipation rejection of claims 22 and 28-32 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b); however, the anticipation rejection of these claims would then be changed to a section 102(a) rejection. In order to overcome a Section 102(a) rejection, the Applicants submit herewith a Declaration under 35 C.F.R. § 1.131 providing evidence of conception prior to the publication date of each of the references.

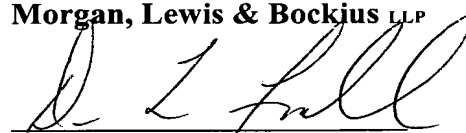
Applicants submit that in view of the Declaration, Hattori and Jaffe are not available as prior art, and therefore, the rejection of claims 22 and 28-32 as anticipated under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) has been overcome. Applicants respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

It is respectfully submitted that the rejections to the claims have been overcome. Should the Examiner disagree, Applicants respectfully request a telephonic or in-person interview with the undersigned attorney to discuss any remaining issues and to expedite the eventual allowance of the claims.

Except for issues payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310.

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